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## Directors 10th Annual Report

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To the Mayor and City Council of Joplin, Mo.:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with Section 6472, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri of 1899, which provides that the Directors of the Public Library shall make on, or before, the second Monday in June of each year, an annual report to the City Council, stating the condition of their trust on the first of May of that year, the Directors of the Free Public Library, Joplin, Mo., at a meeting June 2nd, 1913, ordered the annual report of the Librarian and the Finance Committee should constitute such annual report for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1913.

These reports are, accordingly, herewith respectfully submitted.

AUGUST JUNGE, Vice President.

# Librarian's Annual Report

May 1, 1912 to April 30, 1913

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

The annual report of the Library is herewith presented, covering the ninth year in our present quarters and the tenth year in the history of the Library.

We are happy to report that our figures show unusual gains in every department of the work this year.

## Accessions.

The number of books in the Library at the close of 1912.....	17,195
We have added during the year.....	2,702
Withdrawn .....	742

Net gain for the year.....	1,961
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Number of books in the Library May 1st, 1913.....	19,156
Pamphlets classified.....	602
Bound Magazines.....	2,304
Bound Newspapers.....	103
Public Documents.....	2,178

Total.....	5,187
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Total Collection.....	24,343
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*CHARGING DESK*



## Withdrawals.

Worn out.....	657
Exchanged .....	14
Lost and paid for.....	27
Lost .....	40
Taken from the shelves.....	4
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Total.....	742

The above figures show the number of books which have died naturally, been lost or taken during the year. There are some, however, which are simply ill and likely to recover. These are taken to the hospital and, in this way, 2,169 (mended) have been saved to us.

## Circulation.

Someone has said the work of a library consists essentially in promoting the use of its books, in introducing every book to a reader and every reader to a book, anyhow and anyway it can. To this end, we have three avenues of issuing books for home use to our readers. One at the main delivery desk; the Children's Room and by each teacher holding a school room library.

The circulation table, given elsewhere, gives the number of books loaned during the year.

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Total number issued for 1912 was 70,425; for 1913, 75,777, a gain of .....	5,352
Largest monthly circulation, March, 1913.....	7,373
Smallest monthly circulation, September, 1912.....	4,565
Largest daily circulation, March 1st, 1913.....	495
Smallest daily circulation, September 20th, 1912.....	93
Average daily circulation.....	250
Per cent. of fiction circulated.....	58%
Per cent. of children's books circulated.....	33%
Number of days opened for circulation.....	302
Number of days opened.....	345
Hours opened per week.....	81
Number of borrowers issued.....	1,283
Active card holders.....	3,560
Number of books repaired in the library.....	2,169
Number of bound magazines added.....	201

The first of November we began the renumbering of readers' cards, this being the third series, the former numbering had reached between eight and nine thousand. The number of card holders to date is 3,560. During the past year we have issued 1,282 new cards. Many people in the city are of the impression that it is difficult to secure a card, but if they will come to the library they will find there is no needless red tape about it, and also there is no fee attached.

## SCHOOLS AS BRANCHES.

Although the Library is in a strategic point, being in the center of the city, we cannot hope to serve the public acceptably outside of a radius of a mile, at least. We think the Library should be brought as near the home as the schools. In these days of the wider use of the school plant, there seems a possibility that our ideals are about to be realized, which is to have one room in the schools of the districts we cannot hope to reach to be turned over to our use to be fitted up attractively and to be used as a library reading room.

Two schools have already signified their interest in the plan, and have made a move in this direction. Another year we hope will see the system inaugurated. The Library and schools, thus working together, can overcome difficulties which either one trying to cope with alone would not be successful.

## WEEKLY BULLETIN.

We have readers who tell us they never fail to look for the Weekly Bulletin of new books, or lists of books of special subjects, which have been coming out in the Sunday edition of one of our dailies for over five years. The best medium to reach the people is through the newspapers, which all the people read. Current event bulletins are displayed on the boards at the Library; and, just inside the stack-room, are two hanging book-cases which display new books and those we wish to especially catch the public eye.

## Children's Department.

There has been an increased interest in the Children's Room this year and a decided gain in circulation. We think this is largely due to the story hour, which was inaugurated early in the season and carried on systematically each week. We have made the rounds of all the schools and, in most cases, twice over. Special pains were taken to separate the younger from the older class of children, in order that the stories selected might reach the class for which they were intended. The attendance each time has been exceptionally large and the children have been well behaved and appreciative.

The story hour is a sure and effective method of arousing the interest of the children in wishing to read for themselves the stories so attractively told, and also helps them form a taste for the best books for their years.

The school room libraries have almost reached a department in itself. The number sent out this year was 24 boxes, as against 11 for last year. These boxes hold from 25 to 40 books each, and have gone the rounds of all the schools during the year. The circulation totals 4,979, as against 2,784 last year; a gain of 2,185 books. In a number of boxes the books circulated 450 times. The total circulation from the Children's Room is 18,531, in excess of 18,013 last year; a gain of 518. Grand total from this department, 23,500.





*CHILDREN'S ROOM*

## Reference Department.

The shelves in the Reference Room are now crowded with books. Three new sets of encyclopædias have been added lately. Two, the Americana and New International, replace old editions. The eleventh edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica has been added lately. All of these new sets are in the handy volume thin paper editions, which have become a joy to handle, after the old cumbersome volumes.

The new editions of The American School of Correspondence sets have replaced older editions. We allow these books to circulate, but keep them in this department for ready reference.

In addition to this room, part of the reference collection occupy shelves on the mezzanine floor of the stack room, including bound magazines and public documents. Some of these you know are in most active service, and are the ones for which references are given in the magazine indexes. All the Missouri reports are in this section.

Periodicals currently received number 155. A complete list is appended at the end of this report; 2,472 magazines circulated during the year, some are duplicated and are put in immediate circulation, others are loaned as soon as the current numbers replace the preceding ones.

Of reference work, there is no end. . Besides the people who come to the Library for information, two telephones are in constant service, renewing books, answering questions, questions, questions—some of which can be answered offhand, others taking considerable research. Strange to say, all are legitimate.





*GENERAL READING ROOM*

## STATE LIBRARY MEETING.

Two members of the Library Staff attended the joint meeting of the Illinois-Missouri State Association at St. Louis in October. Outside of the interest felt in the fine, new central library, a carefully prepared and interesting program was carried out. It was decided to hold the meeting the coming fall at St. Joseph, Mo., and this will be a joint Kansas-Missouri session.

## LOCAL COLLECTION.

We hope our friends will not forget the urgent appeal we made last year for help in starting a local collection. We have a room upstairs that would be ideal to display such a collection. In time, a well-arranged local display will prove to be a fund of information, which shall make the Library a Mecca for all who wish, for any purpose, to refresh their memories relative to the life of other days.

In closing, we wish to thank the local press for copies of their papers, which they have so generously supplied the reading room, and to all donors of magazines and books.

To the members of the Library Board, we, the Library Staff, heartily thank you for the support and encouragement you have so generously given us at all times. Respectfully submitted,

MARY B. SWANWICK, Librarian.





*MEN'S READING AND SMOKING ROOM—(In Basement)*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Unexpended balance from preceding year.....\$ 5,282.39

### Receipts.

Amount received from tax levy.....\$10,011.06

Total receipts.....\$15,293.45

### Expenditures.

Water and sprinkling.....\$ 31.52

Heat and light.....207.40

Telephone .....36.10

Janitor .....780.00

Salaries .....2,211.96

Repairs and improvements.....131.30

Furniture and fixtures.....41.90

Freight and drayage.....71.03

Catalogue and stationery supplies.....45.12

Books .....2,872.46

Periodicals .....422.35

Binding .....196.76

Library supplies.....144.82

Insurance .....147.40

Special .....184.55

Total expenditures.....\$ 7,524.57

Balance on hand.....\$ 7,768.88

## SPECIAL EXPENSE FUND.

Balance on hand April 30th, 1912.....\$ 63.04

### Receipts.

Fines on overdue books.....\$165.76

Damaged or lost books.....9.65

Books sold.....22.80

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Total.....\$261.25

Expenditures.....154.82

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Balance on hand.....\$106.43

### Disbursements.

Postage .....\$ 13.01

Express .....22.72

Library supplies.....38.17

Extra help.....27.50

Incidental expense.....53.42

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Total.....\$154.82





*READY FOR THE STORY HOUR*



	Ref. Works	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Language	Nat. Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Literature	History	Travel	Biography	Fiction	Juvenile	Periodicals Current	Total
1912.																
May	7	62	41	23	6	21	66	49	192	29	37	21	3,132	1,481	124	5,166
June	37	47	31	8	33	52	33	115	20	31	17	3,215	1,549	123	5,176	
July	6	39	33	44	4	44	38	31	116	26	28	20	3,385	1,669	162	5,444
Aug.	44	23	48	6	50	56	40	146	23	31	26	3,712	1,624	230	5,832	
Sept.	4	42	36	56	14	29	50	27	144	52	38	27	2,993	984	221	4,565
Oct.	8	45	31	50	12	15	60	41	231	42	77	55	3,186	1,304	229	5,372
Nov.	22	57	46	47	8	36	58	44	200	64	79	33	3,545	1,721	192	5,955
Dec.	20	44	19	34	11	27	66	49	201	50	50	53	2,980	1,491	165	5,275
1913.																
Jan.	52	60	44	57	16	49	67	71	220	66	100	37	3,650	1,514	240	6,210
Feb.	28	68	71	69	12	27	67	82	251	50	85	47	3,697	1,450	249	5,995
Mch.	42	74	62	59	16	38	87	90	298	49	126	55	4,361	2,024	281	7,373
Apr.	20	79	47	64	6	40	55	84	254	36	72	39	3,446	1,720	256	5,963
	209	651	500	582	119	409	722	641	2368	507	754	430	41,302	18,531	2472	68,326

No. of books circulated.....68,326

No. of Periodicals..... 2,472

School room libraries..... 4,979

Total circulation.....75,777

## List of Periodicals Currently Received

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A. L. A. Book List	British Medical Journal
Ambition, Gift	Canadian Magazine
American Boy	Cassier's Magazine
American Carpenter and Builder	Catholic World
American City	Century
American Dressmaker	Chautauquan
American Historical Review	Child Lore
American Home Missionary	Child Welfare
American Homes and Garden	Children's Magazine
American Forestry	Christian Endeavor World
American Journal of Sociology	Christian Science Journal, Gift
American Library Association Bulletin	Christian Science Monitor, Gift
American Magazine	Christian Science Sentinel, Gift
American Poultry Advocate	City Hall
Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science	Collier's Weekly
Architectural Record	Common Cause
Arts and Decoration	Congressional Record
Association Monthly	Continent, Gift
Atlantic Monthly	Cosmopolitan
Biblical World	Country Life in America
Bird Lore	Craftsman
Book Review Digest	Current Literature
Bookman	Delineator
	Dial
	Education

Educational Review  
Electrician and Mechanics  
Elementary School Teacher  
Engineering and Mining Journal  
Engineering Magazine  
Engineering News  
Engineering Record  
Epworth Herald, Gift  
Etude  
Everybody's Magazine  
Farm Journal  
Fine Arts Journal  
Fortnightly Review  
Forum  
Gleanings in Bee Culture  
Good Housekeeping  
Graphic, London  
Gregg Writer, Gift  
Harper's Bazar  
Harper's Magazine  
Harper's Weekly  
Hearst's Magazine  
Home Needlework  
Homiletic Review  
House Beautiful  
Housewife, Gift  
Independent  
Index to Dates  
Industrial Engineering  
International Review of Missions  
International Studio  
John Martin's Book  
Journal of American History  
Journal of Geology  
Journal of Political Economy  
Judge

Keith's Magazine  
Keramic Studio  
Ladies' Home Journal  
Leslie's Weekly  
Library Journal  
Life  
Lippincott's Magazine  
Literary Digest  
Littell's Living Age  
London Illustrated News  
McClure's  
Manual Training Magazine  
Medical Record  
Mining World  
Mines and Minerals  
Missionary Review of World  
Modern Electrics  
Modern Priscilla  
Motor Age  
Motor Boat  
Moving Picture World  
Municipal Development  
Munsey  
Musical Courier  
Musician  
Nation  
National Food Magazine  
National Geographic Magazine  
Nature  
Needlecraft  
New England Magazine  
Nineteenth Century  
North American Review  
Outing  
Outlook  
Overland

Pan-American Bulletin  
Photo Era  
Physical Culture  
Pictorial Review  
Popular Mechanics  
Popular Science Monthly  
Poultry Review  
Primary Education  
Primary Plans  
Public, The  
Public Libraries  
Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature  
Review of Reviews  
St. Nicholas  
Saturday Evening Post  
School Arts  
School News  
Science  
Scientific American and Supplement  
Scribner's Magazine  
Sunset  
Survey  
System  
Technical World

Theosophical Quarterly  
Texas Magazine  
Theater  
Travel  
U. S. Patent Office Gazette  
Vigilance  
Vocational Education  
Western Monthly  
Woman's Home Companion  
World's Work  
Youth's Companion

### **Newspapers.**

Appeal to Reason, Gift  
Christian Science Monitor, Gift  
Deseret Evening News, Gift  
Joplin Daily Globe, Gift  
Joplin News Herald, Gift  
Kansas City Journal  
Kansas City Times  
Kansas City Star  
St. Louis Globe-Democrat  
St. Louis Republic





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## Directors Eleventh Annual Report

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These reports are, accordingly, herewith respectfully submitted.

AUGUST JUNGE, Acting President.

# Librarian's Annual Report

May 1st, 1913, to April 30th, 1914.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

The annual report of the Library for the year ending April 30th, 1914, is herewith presented, being the eleventh in the history of the Library, and the tenth in our present quarters.

The year has been an unusually active one, as all the figures from the departments will show.

## Accessions.

The number of books in the Library at the close of 1913.....	19,156
We have added during the year.....	2,689
Withdrawn .....	549
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Net gain for the year.....	2,320
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Number of books in the Library May 1st, 1914.....	21,476
Pamphlets classified.....	622
Bound Magazines.....	2,132
Bound Newspapers.....	114
Public Documents (about).....	2,000
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Total.....	4,868
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Total Collection.....	26,344

## Withdrawals.

Worn out.....	423
Lost .....	54
Lost and paid for.....	31
Unaccounted for.....	41
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Total.....	549

The number, "41 unaccounted for," have not all disappeared the past year. This number has been taken from an accrued list that is added to each year as we go over the shelf list. Often, after books have been reported missing, they will mysteriously turn up; hence, we think it best to keep this waiting list.

## Repairing.

One feature we have added this year is a repair shop in the basement. A small kit was purchased, together with flexible glue and cloth strips, all the material needed. The books are taken at the binding stage before the leaves and sections loosen. After being treated they are reset in their covers. Most of the books come from the fiction shelves and the children's room—short-lived books, at best.

So far, 2,135 books have been repaired at a cost of \$203.48—not quite 10 cents a volume. Mending is also done upstairs, and 2,684 books have been cleaned, loose leaves tipped in, and otherwise treated.

## Circulation.

The circulation table given elsewhere records the number of books loaned for home use during the year. Certain features that we emphasize are herewith given.

Total number books issued for 1913 was 75,777, for 1914,	
92,995—a gain of.....	17,218
Largest monthly circulation, March, 1914.....	7,936
Smallest monthly circulation, September, 1913.....	4,826
Largest daily circulation, February 14th.....	573
Smallest daily circulation, October 16th.....	84
Average daily circulation.....	302
Per cent. of fiction circulated.....	54%
Per cent. of children's books circulated.....	33%
Number of days opened for circulation.....	307
Number of days opened.....	349
Hours opened per week.....	88
Number of borrowers' cards issued.....	1,975
Active card holders.....	5,700
Number of books repaired—total.....	4,919

We do not wish to leave the impression that we are striving for a big record of circulation, as if that was the chief end and aim of our library. Nevertheless, we are happy in announcing the largest yearly circulation thus far recorded; 92,995, as against 75,777 of last year; a gain of 17,218.





**LIBRARY ROOM, WASHINGTON SCHOOL BRANCH**

### Washington School Branch.

At last the co-operation of School Board and Library, so long desired, has been effected, and as a result, our first branch was opened to the readers of East Joplin early in December. "East Town" has long been the goal hoped for, and when the School Board began the erection of a concrete building on the Washington School grounds for the manual training classes, we sent in an earnest plea to be given library quarters in the new building. The School Board readily acceded to our wishes and added another story to the building, also providing a separate entrance. The room is of good size, well lighted, and most attractive in appearance. The books are in cases around the wall, and the four tables are in sizes to accommodate the youngest up to the adult reader.

Pupils and teachers from three schools are to draw from this source. In the few months we have worked together we have found the weak spots, and we believe by another year we will be able to meet the demands of the schools to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Our adult readers have not been overlooked either, and a good share of the books and the periodicals are for their use.

The readers' cards issued, with a few exceptions, are new names. Holders of cards from the main library living in that section are given the privilege of exchanging books at both places. More and more in their use of the Branch they find the proximity to home so convenient and the supply of books so adequate, that we think it will



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be only natural if they transfer their affections to this, our first offspring, and thus help us to foster it into faster growth. Already we look to them to spread the news to neighbors and friends, and point the way.

### Reference Department.

The reference work is at once our joy and despair. It has been a great satisfaction this year to be able to supply most of the topics found in the indexes, at least from 1900 up. This has been made possible through the completion of many files of magazines. Being a medium-sized library, with limited book space, we cannot collect all the reports sent out by the Government and different organizations. We try to select the ones most called for, and for which reference is given in the indexes. However wisely we think we have chosen, there will come requests for many things not found in our collection. When we send for them they are hard to get and still harder to take care of, being single reports. If there were some central point in each State designated as a "reservoir," from which small libraries could draw when in need, just think of the economy in time and expense, not to say anything about feelings. This very subject of help to smaller libraries in reference work is to be discussed at the National Association, meeting in Washington in May

## Children's Room.

This has been called the "era of the child." The Government now looks after its physical welfare, and failing the home, the school at an early age takes up its education. But the school touches only a few years of its life. Recent school statistics show 93 out of every 100 children never get beyond the elementary schools. It devolves upon the library to continue the work of the elementary school, and become a vital factor in the lives of the growing boy and girl, and having accustomed them to its aid, it may continue to minister to them throughout their lives.

The total circulation from this department was 32,414 ,as against 23,500 of last year—a gain of 8,914. The school room libraries have assumed such proportions as to take almost the entire time of one person to keep the work running. Thirty boxes were sent out, averaging from 30 to 40 books. These were all carefully selected and attractive in make-up and appearance. Our aim is to reach every child of school age and its home in the city. Only a small proportion of school children are card-holders. We believe this method of circulating through the schools is the best way of reaching the home, and arousing interest in parents and teachers in this public reservoir of books, better than any other method we might pursue.





CHILDREN'S ROOM

### High School Room.

For some time we have been thinking, here at the Library, that a special provision should be made for a large and growing class of readers—the high school boy and girl. The transition from juvenile to adult card takes place when they enter the High School. The exchange is hardly noticeable to most of them, as we have always allowed them access to the stacks. Of course, a few will take this as an evidence that they have “arrived,” and forthwith make a bee line for the fiction section, seeking the “latest.” But the safe majority take it as an evidence that the exchange in card means that we are co-operating with the schools and are ready to advance them in the use they make of the library along with their school work.

Young people of the high school age need training and guidance in the right use of books. They are their tools at this stage of their education, and the library laboratory is just as important as laboratories for teaching science, or workshops for teaching the use of any tools. One case has always been reserved for their use in the children's department. It contains the edited editions of the classics they use so much, in many duplicates.

Our aim is to set aside a room for the collection of all material used by them and now scattered so widely. This would include all the books in the four years' required reading, and for which credit is given. Collateral reading in history, literature and science, and some good reference books, and, since these are all for profit, a goodly share of the books selected for pleasure.

### **State Library Meeting.**

Our Library was represented at the joint meeting of the Missouri-Kansas Associations at St. Joseph in October. A most helpful program was carried out, which, added to a charming hospitality, made this a memorable occasion. This is the second joint meeting for Missouri. It is certainly a boon for those of us who are unable to attend the national gatherings, as the speakers and library workers of note who are brought to these meetings would probably never be seen or heard by many of us otherwise.

### **In Conclusion—**

We wish to thank the local press for the generous supply of copies of their papers, and also for their courtesy in printing the weekly library bulletin. Our thanks are due the many donors of books and periodicals, also for a box of shells and some fine specimens of ore.

To the members of the Library Board, for myself, and on behalf of the staff, we wish to express our gratitude for your unfailing kindness and support in our efforts in carrying on the work of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY B. SWANWICK, Librarian.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Unexpended balance from preceding year.....\$ 7,763.83

### Receipts.

Amount received from tax levy..... 9,128.32

Total receipts.....\$16,897.20

### Expenditures.

Water and sprinkling.....\$ 37.29

Heat and light..... 203.75

Telephone ..... 39.60

Salaries ..... 2,482.13

Janitor ..... 715.00

Repairs and improvements..... 79.92

Furniture and fixtures..... 365.85

Freight and drayage..... 48.49

Library supplies..... 174.41

Books ..... 2,589.31

Periodicals ..... 472.98

Binding and book repairing..... 278.26

Insurance ..... 342.75

Special ..... 40.00

Total expenditures..... 7,869.74

Balance on hand.....\$ 9,027.46



## SPECIAL EXPENSE FUND.

Balance on hand April 30th, 1913.....\$106.43

### Receipts.

Fines on overdue books.....\$187.72

Damaged or lost books.....15.70

Books sold.....15.80

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Total .....\$325.65

Expenditures .....232.49

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Balance on hand.....\$ 93.16

### Disbursements.

Postage .....\$ 30.34

Express and drayage.....23.88

Library supplies.....33.05

Books and periodicals.....28.50

Extra help.....39.25

Incidental Expenses.....77.47

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Total .....\$232.49



	Ref. Works	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Language	Nat. Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Literature	History	Travel	Biography	Fiction	Juvenile	TOTAL
1913															
May .....	12	55	63	44	8	35	54	63	177	47	74	39	2,940	1,554	5,345
June .....	8	41	75	28	10	26	65	36	154	23	46	28	2,980	1,775	5,299
July .....	9	41	47	31	14	36	45	40	125	22	29	24	3,441	1,957	5,885
August .....	15	61	39	34	6	28	54	39	119	25	30	48	3,403	1,747	5,673
Sept. ....	5	50	56	39	7	21	56	44	167	51	46	27	3,045	1,185	4,826
October ....	15	37	66	68	4	22	44	64	243	56	50	45	3,282	1,912	5,899
Nov. ....	32	38	60	89		35	29	52	266	55	57	51	3,398	2,259	6,435
Dec. ....	11	67	68	67	6	23	74	43	246	61	42	38	3,306	2,106	6,141
1914															
January ....	23	82	82	106	13	52	113	80	349	65	72	46	4,302	2,307	7,674
February ....	30	109	65	98	10	61	115	60	317	58	70	73	3,937	2,538	7,535
March .....	35	121	73	62	1	56	115	110	327	66	63	56	3,903	2,938	7,936
April .....	16	103	48	91	2	50	103	78	286	45	50	33	3,490	2,643	7,080
Total .....	211	905	742	757	81	445	867	709	2776	574	629	508	41,427	24,921	75,728

Number of books circulated.....75,728  
 Number of periodicals..... 2,593  
 Washington Branch ..... 7,181  
 School room libraries..... 7,493

Total Circulation.....92,995



**MEN'S READING AND SMOKING ROOM (In Basement)**

## List of Periodicals Currently Received

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Aeronautics	Book Review Digest
A. L. A. Book List	Bookman
Ambition, Gift	Boston Cooking School Magazine
American Boy	Boys' Life
American Carpenter and Builder	British Medical Journal
American City	Canadian Magazine
American Forestry	Carnegie Library of Pittsburg Bulletin
American Home Missionary	Catholic World
American Homes and Gardens	Century
American Issue, Mo. Ed., Gift	Chautauquan
American Journal of Sociology	Child-Welfare Magazine
American Labor Legislation Review	Christian Endeavor World
American Library Associat'n Bulletin	Christian Science Journal, Gift
American Magazine	Christian Science Sentinel, Gift
American Municipalities	Citizen, The
American Poultry Advocate	Collier's Weekly
Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science	Colliery Engineer
Architectural Record	Congressional Record
Association Men, Gift	Cosmopolitan
Association Monthly	Country Life in America
Atlantic Monthly	Craftsman
Auto Review	Crisis
Biblical World	Cumulative Book Index
Bird-Lore	Current Events

Current Opinion  
Delineator  
Dial  
Economic Geology  
Education  
Educational Review  
Electric Railway Journal  
Elementary School Teacher  
Engineering and Mining Journal  
Engineering Magazine  
Engineering News  
Engineering Record  
Epworth Herald, Gift  
Etude  
Everybody's Magazine  
Farm Journal  
Filipino People, Gift  
Fortnightly Review  
Forum  
Garden Magazine  
Gleanings in Bee Culture  
Good Housekeeping  
Gospel Trumpet, Gift  
Graphic, London  
Gregg Writer, Gift  
Harper's Bazar  
Harper's Magazine  
Harper's Weekly  
Hearst's Magazine  
Home Mission Monthly, Gift  
Home Needlework  
Home Progress  
Homiletic Review  
House Beautiful  
Illustrated London News, London

Independent  
Independent. Kansas City, Gift  
Index to Dates  
Industrial Engineering  
International Review of Missions  
International Studio  
John Martin's Book  
Journal of American History  
Journal of Geology  
Journal of Political Economy  
Judge  
Keith's Magazine  
Keramic Studio  
Ladies' Home Journal  
Leslie's Weekly  
Library Journal  
Life  
Lippincott's Magazine  
Literary Digest  
Little Folks  
Living Age  
McClure's Magazine  
Manual Training Magazine  
Mentor  
Mining and Engineering World  
Missionary Review of the World  
Missouri Mule, Gift  
Modern Electrics and Mechanics  
Modern Priscilla  
Motion Picture Magazine  
Motor Age  
Motor Boat  
Moving Picture World  
Munsey's Magazine  
Music News



Musical Courier  
Musician  
Nation  
National Food Magazine  
National Geographic Magazine  
National Municipal Review  
Needlecraft  
New England Magazine  
Nineteenth Century and After  
North American Review  
Outing  
Overland Monthly  
Pan-American Union Bulletin  
Photo Era  
Physical Culture  
Pictorial Review  
Playground  
Popular Electricity  
Popular Mechanics  
Popular Science Monthly  
Poultry Husbandry  
Primary Education  
Primary Plans  
Public, The  
Public Libraries  
Public Service Magazine  
Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature  
Records of the Past  
Review of Reviews  
Saint Nicholas  
Saturday Evening Post  
School Arts Magazine  
School News

School Review  
Science  
Scientific American and Supplement  
Scribner's Magazine  
Signs of the Times, Gift  
Smart Styles  
Spirit of Missions  
Sunset  
Survey  
System  
Technical World  
Theatre  
Theosophical Quarterly  
Travel  
U. S. Patent Office Gazette  
Vigilance  
Vocational Education  
Watch Tower, Gift  
Western Architect  
Westminster Review  
Woman's Home Companion  
World's Work  
Youth's Companion  
Newspapers—  
Joplin Daily Globe, Gift  
Joplin News Herald, Gift  
Christian Science Monitor, Gift  
Deseret Evening News, Gift  
Kansas City Journal  
Kansas City Star  
Kansas City Times  
New York Times  
St. Louis Globe-Democrat  
St. Louis Republic





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## Directors Thirteenth Annual Report

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To the Mayor and City Council of Joplin, Mo.:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with Section 6472, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri of 1899, which provides that the Directors of the Public Library shall make on, or before, the second Monday in June of each year, an annual report to the City Council, stating the condition of their trust on the first of May of the year, the Directors of the Free Public Library, Joplin, Mo., at a meeting June 1st, 1916, ordered the annual report of the Librarian and the Finance Committee should constitute such annual report for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1916.

These reports are, accordingly herewith respectfully submitted.

AUGUST C. JUNGE, President.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

May 1st, 1915—April 30th, 1916.

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To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

The Annual Report of the Free Public Library for the year ending April 30th, 1916, is herewith presented, being the thirteenth in the history of the library and twelfth in our present quarters.

We had hoped to make our new addition a special feature of this report, but owing to the delay in construction, the occupancy will probably not come before fall. However, we will give a brief history of our enlargement with floor plans.

### Accessions.

No. of books in the library at the close of 1915.....	22,927
We have added during the year....	1,640
Withdrawn .....	608
Net gain for the year.....	1,032
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No. of books in the library May 1, 1916	23,959
Pamphlets classified.....	719
Bound Magazines.....	2,517
Bound Newspapers.....	130
Public Documents (not arranged).....	
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Total collection.....	27,325

### Withdrawals.

Worn out.....	560
Lost .....	23
Lost and paid for.....	25
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Total .....	608

### Circulation.

The circulation table given elsewhere gives the total number of books loaned during the year.

Largest monthly circulation (March).....	8,577
Smallest monthly circulation (Sept.)....	5,364
Largest daily circulation (Jan. 29th)....	562
Smallest daily circulation (Aug. 12th)....	97
Average daily circulation.....	257
Per cent. of fiction circulated.....	54%
Per cent. of children's books circulated	33%
Number of days opened for circulation	300
Number of days opened.....	342
Hours opened per week.....	81
Borrowers cards issued.....	1,562
Active card holders.....	8,438

## The New Addition.

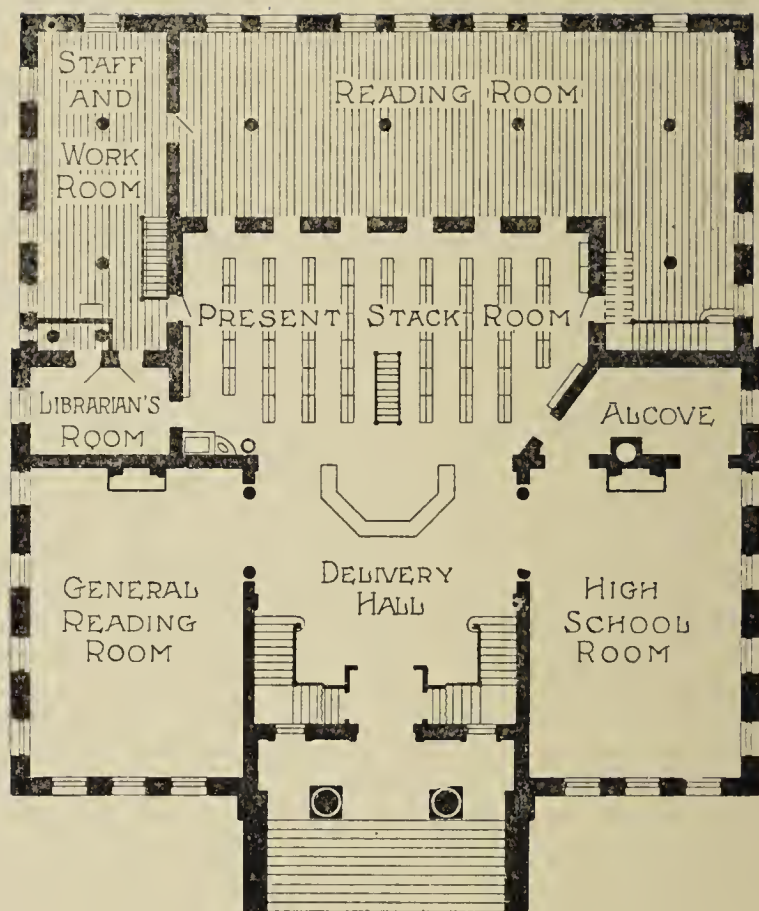
All thoughts have been centered for some time on the new addition and speculations have been rife as to when we will be ready for occupancy. To no one will it come more as a welcome relief than to the members of the library staff after many months of working in our congested quarters.

When the appropriation was allowed last June the necessary machinery was set in motion, and early in the fall the work was begun. The \$20,000 contributed by the Carnegie Corporation was supplemented by \$5,000 for alterations, from the Library fund, making \$25,000 in all. The plans provide for a large Children's Department covering the first floor of the new addition, with an entrance on Ninth street. About five thousand volumes will be moved to this room from the old quarters on the main floor, and which in time became too small to adequately carry on the different activities which belong to this department. We have new chairs and tables to suit all sizes, a cork carpet to insure against noise, and, what we think will appeal to the childish heart, a drinking fountain.

Next to this room, taking in the old Auditorium, is the new stack room, which is to contain two stories of steel stacks, and as it is directly under the one on the main floor—which is double—it will make four stories of stack room. This should insure growth for years to come. It is estimated our entire capacity, with wall cases, will be 90,000.

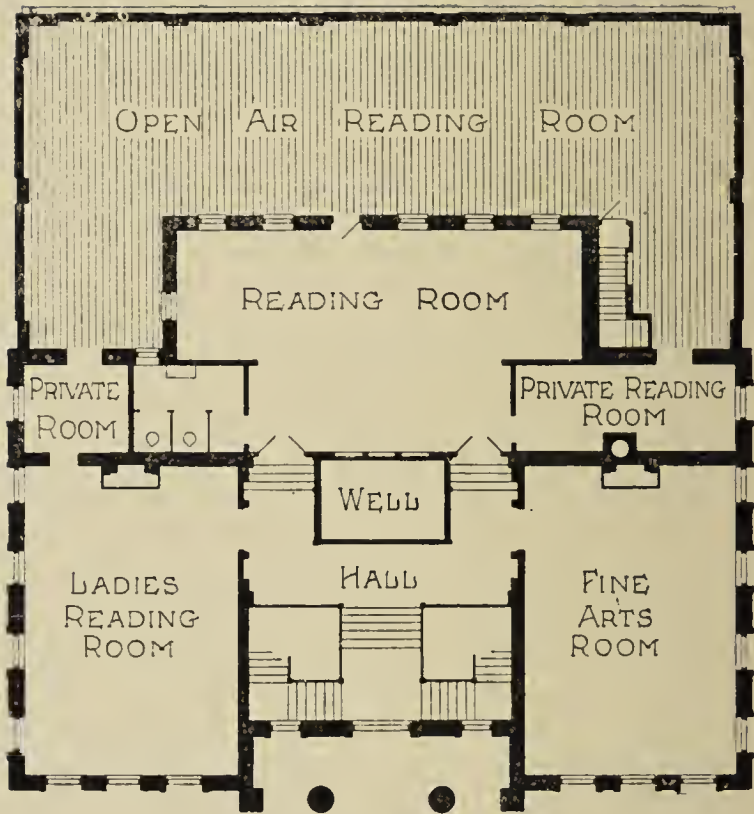
Over the Children's room and connecting with the main floor is the new reading and reference room. All the bound magazines will be placed here besides other reference works. The light is especially good in this room, and with new chairs and tables insuring comfort, we think our reference workers will take pleasure





in doing all their work at the library hereafter. To the north of the room is a staircase, leading up to the outdoor reading room. On the south as you enter, is the new work room. This is ample, well lighted and airy, and we think it is due us after working so many years, in a poor little make-shift of a corner. Now we can have our training classes and the books to work with together—a much more convenient arrangement. We think our outdoor reading room entirely feasible in this climate, and when we get it in working order it should be much enjoyed.

One feature that we have not mentioned, but which will add greatly to our comfort, is the skylight above the charging desk. A well was cut in the metal ceiling and this opening was extended to the roof above. It let in a flood of light to an otherwise dark spot where electric lights had to burn most of the day. It also gives us more air and adds greatly to the appearance of the corridor as you enter. In the alterations on the third floor, we have thrown together the old board room and a small reading room to the north, making one very commodious room, it also opens on the outdoor reading room. We think this will furnish up in a handsome manner, and will quite rival our blue room which is a great favorite with the clubs. All the old building is to go through a process of redecoration. There will be a one tone color scheme used throughout, harmonizing with the beautiful oak wood work, so lavishly used in our building.

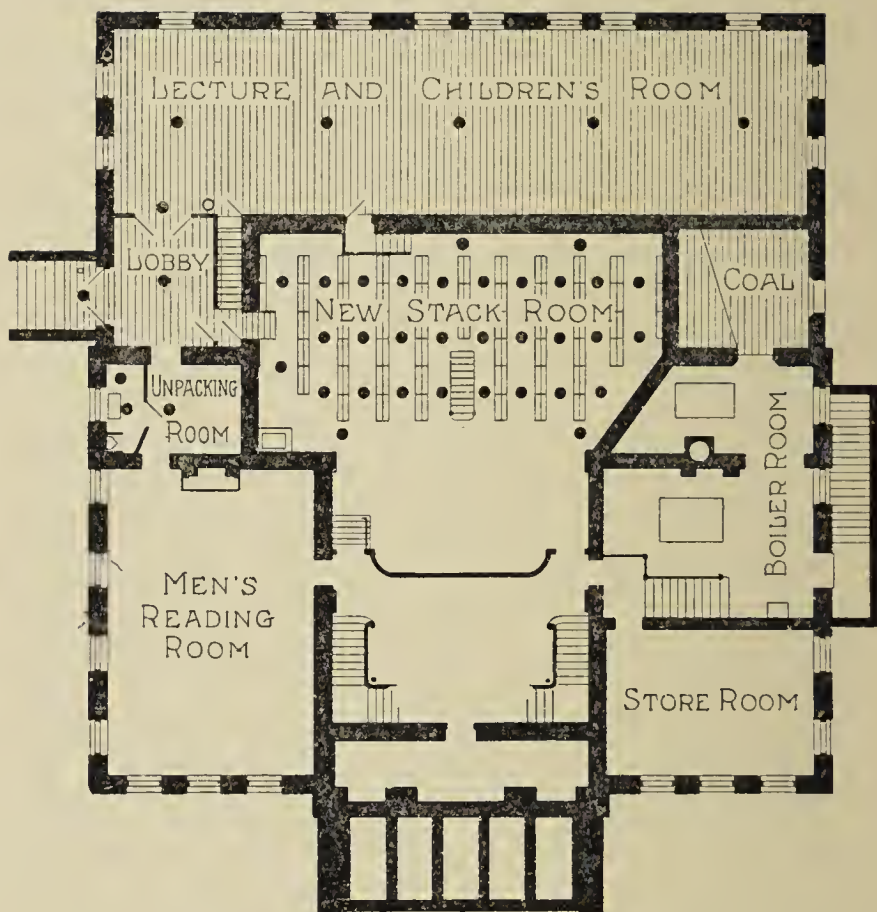


## **The Library and the School.**

It is estimated there are about 8,700 children of school age in the district, and only about 2,500 of them hold library cards. We have two ways of reaching those who do not find their way to the library. One is by the class room library. This is a portable collection of books, generally chosen by the teacher to suit her grade. As they are loaned for home use they often become the means of introducing the library to the entire family. The second is the branch library.

### **Branch Libraries.**

Affiliation with the public school is working out our problem of reaching the remote districts of the city. We could not hope to build separate branches, as this would duplicate our expenses many times. Besides it is an economical way of administering public funds, and works no hardship to either partner in the transaction. And think what it will mean to a community to have a library with reading room near at hand and opened all the year round. We believe here at the library it is a better policy to take books where a great majority of the readers are, rather than to try to lure a less number to the library where the books are.





## Gifts.

Since the presentation to the city of Joplin of that wonderful work of art, the Japanese Buddhist shrine, by the Newman Mercantile Company, and placed by them in the Public Library—and which the library board acknowledged in behalf of the city—we have been encouraged to hope that others emulating their example, would make it a depository for other works of art, or relics that would develop the museum idea. We have the shrine at present in the art room where it may be viewed at any time.

## Missouri State Library Association.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Missouri State Library Association was held in Joplin October 20th-22nd. About fifty-six were present, some coming from Kansas. This was a trolley league meeting, Carthage and Webb City joined us in holding sessions, and entertaining the visitors. It was a very profitable meeting and each member of the staff had an opportunity to attend all the sessions.

## In Conclusion.

Although it has been a very unsettled year, we have kept the training class together, two members, Miss Vera Gibson and Miss Barbara Blackwell are now attending the summer library school at Columbia.

In behalf of the library staff I wish to thank the members of the Board of Trustees for their kindly consideration, and thoughtfulness for our comfort during the trying months we have gone through during the period of reconstruction.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY B. SWANWICK,

Librarian.

### Receipts.

Balance on hand April 30, 1915.....	\$10,243.59
Amount received from tax levy.....	10,651.34
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Total receipts.....	\$20,894.93

### Expenditures.

Water and Sprinkling.....	\$ 18.64
Heat .....	257.75
Telephone .....	18.98
Janitor .....	780.00
Salaries .....	2921.96
Repairs & Improvements....	4079.45
Furniture & Fixtures.....	57.50
Freight & Drayage.....	16.82
Supplies .....	150.65
Books .....	1823.41
Periodicals .....	563.51
Binding & Book Repairs.....	96.06
Insurance .....	76.56
Miscellaneous .....	133.94
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Total expenditures .....	\$10,995.23
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Balance on hand .....	\$ 9,899.70

## SPECIAL EXPENSE FUND.

Cash on hand at library Apr. 30, 1915....\$ 49.90

### Receipts.

Fines on overdue books.....	216.68
Damaged or lost books.....	16.70
Books sold .....	8.47

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Total .....	\$291.75
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Expenditures .....	213.20
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\$ 78.55

Deposited in Bank.....	60.00
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Balance on hand at the library.....\$ 18.55

### Disbursements.

Postage .....	\$ 23.38
Express & drayage .....	29.07
Library Supplies .....	35.24
Books and Periodicals .....	31.92
Extra help & Sunday opening.....	56.10
Incidental expenses .....	37.49

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Total .....	\$213.20
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## TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

May 1st, 1914—April 30th, 1915.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

Contemplating making many changes in our building, the nature of which we could not then foretell, no report was printed for 1915. The statistics of circulation and the financial report are appended to the report of 1916, so we may have them handy for reference.

### Accessions.

No. of books in the library at the close of 1914.....	21,296
We added during the year.....	2,150
Withdrawn .....	519
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Net gain for year.....	1,631
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No. books in library May 1, 1915.....	22,927

### Withdrawals.

Worn out .....	423
Lost .....	31
Lost and paid for.....	30
Missing .....	35
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Total .....	519

## Circulation.

Circulated for home use, Adults....	58,290	
Children .....	34,804	
		<hr/> 93,094
No. of periodicals .....	2,769	
No. supplementary readers .....	19,720	
Schoolroom libraries .....	7,503	
Washington Branch (11,445)		<hr/>
Total .....	123,113	
Largest Mon. circulation (Mar. 1915)	12,852	
Smallest Mon. circulation (Sept. 1914)	5,970	
Largest daily circulation.....	638	
Smallest daily circulation.....	88	
Average daily circulation.....	329	
Per cent. of adult fiction circulated.....	50%	
No. of days opened for circulation.....	307	
Hours opened each week.....	88	
Borrowers cards issued.....	1,651	
Active card holders.....	7,108	



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Unexpended balance from preceding	
year .....	\$ 9,327.46
Amount from tax levy.....	9,092.35
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Total receipts.....	\$18,419.81

### Expenditures.

Heat .....	\$ 276.25
Water .....	33.65
Janitor service .....	845.00
Salaries .....	3,212.29
Furniture & fixtures.....	93.75
Telephone .....	23.87
Sta. & Cat. supplies.....	207.27
Freight & drayage.....	46.99
Books .....	2,343.50
Periodicals .....	570.45
Binding .....	350.30
Insurance .....	25.00
Miscellaneous .....	147.89
Total expenditures .....	8,176.22
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Balance on hand .....	\$10,243.59

### Special Expense Funds.

Balance on hand May 1st, 1914.....	\$ 93.16
Fines on overdue books.....	201.36
Books sold .....	12.30
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Total receipts .....	\$327.58

### Expenditures.

Postage .....	17.37
Special cleaning .....	32.05
Express .....	27.80
Supplies .....	67.77
Books & periodicals .....	19.57
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Total expenditures.....	207.30
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Balance on hand.....	\$120.28

1915	Ref. Works	Philosophy	Religion	Sociology	Language	Nat. Science	Useful Arts	Fine Arts	Literature	History	Travel	Biography	Fiction	Juvenile	Cur. Periodicals	Sup. Readers	Total
May .....	2	59	45	49	4	45	86	51	225	40	49	27	3487	1906	235	1167	6075
June .....	4	58	51	40	4	22	47	63	111	25	38	29	3519	1955	152	.....	5966
July .....	5	63	49	62	.....	22	47	59	87	31	32	25	3669	1700	265	.....	5851
August .....	8	66	44	51	6	23	65	51	113	14	32	23	3677	1736	367	.....	5909
September .....	16	61	53	68	9	21	73	59	189	39	39	16	3063	1388	264	.....	5094
October .....	12	64	77	80	14	16	49	59	246	58	67	23	3726	1956	290	240	6447
November .....	11	76	73	58	5	18	55	74	227	56	54	46	3359	2254	253	131	6366
December .....	9	71	52	54	4	36	105	62	252	39	61	55	3305	1911	294	289	6016
1916.																	
January .....	8	90	68	57	11	52	121	106	263	47	95	50	4189	2313	348	580	7470
February .....	7	109	70	74	8	43	114	92	267	64	108	77	4173	2692	298	240	7898
March .....	21	69	70	70	9	34	92	96	242	78	116	62	4108	2515	288	995	7582
April .....	9	52	53	56	10	38	104	104	236	44	61	53	3770	2252	210	991	6842
	112	838	705	719	84	370	958	876	2458	535	752	476	44045	24578	3264	4966	77516

Number of books circulated.....77516  
 Number of periodicals.....3264  
 Number of supplementary readers.....4966  
 School room libraries.....2773











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## ANNUAL REPORT

May 1st, 1917—April 30th, 1918

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

The 15th Annual Report of the Free Public Library is herewith presented. Library War Service and the occupancy of the new High School next door, has made this a memorable year for it brought us much work out of the ordinary.

## LIBRARY WAR SERVICE

Though the war has changed conditions in the book world, the library service has not only kept up the usual pace, but the work has been largely augmented. Early in the summer of 1917 our library began actively entering into the war service. On the return of the librarian from Louisville, where the keynote of the session was how the librarians could best serve their country during the period of the war, many suggestions were carried out that were advised, such as having posters printed for display calling to the attention of the public that the library would take care of all books donated for the soldiers. It was well we began early, because in August we had an urgent appeal from the Secretary of the State Library Commission to send books immediately to Camp Clark, at Nevada, Mo. We were able to respond with two large boxes of books and magazines. On September 24th began the National drive for funds and books. Again responding, we collected in money \$483.50 which was sent to the A. L. A. headquarters at Washington. Our part in the \$1,000,000 drive.

All during the fall and winter books and magazines were collected and sorted, pockets, book plates and cards placed in them and shipped to various camps as we were directed.

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Up to date we have sent in all, 2,077 books and about 1,100 magazines.

This work must go on, and as some one has said, "Endless as the flow of the tides must be the stream of books for our fighting men as long as this war shall last." Pershing wants 100,000 books a month for the men "over there." On this side of the water—from Devens to Lewis—comes the calls for more books and yet more books.

The Government has made the libraries distributing bureaus for War Garden pamphlets, Food Conservation literature, Liberty Loans, Thrift Stamps and Red Cross literature. They arrive almost daily, and must all be conscientiously displayed and distributed. All this has been our every day work. Now we are engaged in the special work of preparing scrap books for war hospitals. This is very particular work. The material must be carefully collected, classified and assembled properly in the books. The books are to contain pictures and catchy short articles, very little on the war. The folders are for cheerful, diverting short stories. Our scrap books and folders have already come and will be paid for out of our own funds.

Aside from all this the staff has individually voted to assume the support of a French orphan for one year, which is \$36.50.

## NEW HIGH SCHOOL

This is an institution to be reckoned with, now it is in our midst. Heretofore we have been accustomed to draw students from the last two years' course for our student helpers. The attraction is so great at present all classes are seeking entrance, and we realize our plans for the coming year must be made more definite and better systematized.

High School students expecting to pursue their studies further with the University or the Normal in view, should, we think be given the preference of our training class if they apply. Familiarity with the use of a well organized library, is of distinct advantage to them in college work, and also in helping those who wish to partly pay their tuition, in obtaining work in the college library; two or more years' service in any good library giving them entrance. And we believe it works equally to our advantage, in securing more earnest and intelligent helpers.

## ACCESSIONS

No. of books in the Library at the close of fiscal year 1917.....	24,842
We have added during the year.....	1,624
Withdrawn .....	500
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Net gain for the year.....	1,124
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No. of Books in the Library May 1st, 1918....	25,966
Pamphlets classified .....	950
Bound Magazines .....	2,809
Bound newspapers .....	170
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Total .....	3,929
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Total collections .....	29,895

## CIRCULATION

The circulation table given at the end of the folder gives the circulation in detail by classes.

### CIRCULATION SUMMARY

Largest monthly circulation (February).....	9,261
Smallest monthly circulation (September)...	5,848
Largest daily circulation (Feb. 2nd).....	564
Smallest daily circulation (Nov. 2nd).....	41
Daily average circulation .....	318
Per cent of fiction circulated .....	77%
Per cent of children's books circulated.....	36%
Number of days opened for circulation.....	303½
Number of days opened .....	348½
Hours opened per week .....	76
Borrower's cards issued .....	1,775
Borrower's cards issued, Washington Branch	351
Active card holders .....	4,744

In August, 1917, we had reached over 10,000 in number of borrower's cards issued. This is an inconvenient number to carry so we began the FOURTH SERIES of renumbering, reaching to date 4,744.

## RECEIPTS

Balance on hand April 30, 1917.....	\$ 8,842.10
Amount received from tax levy.....	11,026.44
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Total receipts .....	\$19,868.54

## EXPENDITURES

Salaries .....	\$ 3,123.46
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Janitor .....	1,052.75
Books .....	1,737.97
Periodicals .....	509.83
Binding and Book repairs.....	232.65
Supplies .....	282.13
Furniture and fixtures .....	29.80
Repairs and Improvements .....	65.50
Heat .....	550.75
Water and sprinkling.....	28.66
Telephone .....	29.46
Insurance .....	314.00
Freight and drayage .....	27.67
Miscellaneous .....	342.02

Total expenditures .....	\$ 8,346.65
Balance on hand .....	\$11,521.89

### SPECIAL EXPENSE FUND

Balance on hand April 30, 1917.....	\$ 71.39
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### RECEIPTS

Fines on overdue books.....	246.21
Damaged or lost books .....	12.95
Books sold .....	13.10
Total .....	\$343.65
Expenditures .....	\$237.27
Balance on hand .....	\$106.38

### DISBURSEMENTS

Postage .....	\$ 38.68
Express and drayage .....	48.84
Supplies .....	34.20
Books and periodicals .....	20.62
Extra help and Sunday opening.....	50.95
Miscellaneous .....	43.98
Total .....	\$237.27

### WASHINGTON BRANCH LIBRARY

Balance on hand April 30, 1917.....	\$ 6.73
Fines on books overdue .....	27.89
Total .....	\$34.61
Expenditures .....	24.33
Balance on hand .....	\$10.28

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## SUMMARY

The year has brought many new activities; library service has not suffered inconsequence, nor fallen off. The circulation in comparison with 1917 show gains as follows. Books circulated for home use, 93,796, a gain of 6,668. Children's department 34,126, a gain of 6,120. Washington branch, 19,100, a gain of 1,927.

To conserve the fuel, evening hours were discontinued for two months during the winter. No doubt the warmth and comfort that was ours during the coldest weather brought our library into use as never before. Study clubs that had not been in the habit of meeting with us, became regular attendants, and many gatherings, mostly of a patriotic nature, were held daily. Sometimes hours and dates conflicted, but we were roomy enough to distribute them around satisfactorily and still not interfere with the public.

The expenditures for this year come well within the receipts. \$2,679.79 will be placed with our balance account, making a total of \$11,521.86 to our credit. The same could not be said of the previous three years, the repairs and improvements we made on the old building, while the addition was in progress, greatly augmented our expenditures, and they ran over our allowance for those years. The unexpended balance we carry from year to year was at hand, enabling us to make the extra expense without in the least interfering with our usual yearly outlay.

The librarian attended the annual meeting of the American Library Association which was held at Louisville, Ky., in June. Two members of the staff attended the State meeting at Jefferson City in October. War Service, and how the librarians were to meet it was the chief topic of discussion at both meetings.

Greatful acknowledgement is due our daily papers for the publicity they gave our different war drives, for money first, and books for our soldiers and sailors later on.

To the Board of Directors, We, the members of the staff thank you for your hearty co-operation and support in all the efforts that have helped make this one of the most profitable years.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY B. SWANWICK,

Librarian.



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## SUMMARY FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ending

APRIL 30, 1917

THE LIBRARY OF THE

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## ANNUAL REPORT

May 1st, 1916—April 30th, 1917

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

The Annual Report of the Free Public Library for the year ending April 30th, 1917, is herewith presented, being the 14th in the history of the library, and the 13th in our present quarters.

We are happy to report that our figures show unusual gains in every department of the work this year.

Since the last annual report we have become settled in our new addition. The first move, in October, was into the new work room. Then began an invoice of the Children's books and final move into the department on the ground floor. As soon as the chairs and tables came for the new reference room, we brought our bound magazines from the upper deck of the stack room and placed them on the shelving around the walls. No one can fully estimate what a great help this large, bright room has been to students in general, the clubs and high school pupils who come in large numbers to get up their final themes. Everything they need is right at hand and they can all gather there without interfering with each other.

All the rooms in the old building have been re-decorated with warm, light brown tones that harmonize with the beautiful golden oak woodwork, and besides lightening up the rooms, it is a great relief to the eye from the former dark, dingy walls. New window shades have been added throughout and a new system of lighting which is semi-indirect. This has been a great improvement, as it is a soft light and very much easier on the eyes than the old system. With our added stack room, making four tiers in all, we will have space for books for years to come.

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1916/17 Accessions.

No. of books in the library at the close of April 30th, 1916 .....	23,959
We have added during the year .....	1,404
Withdrawn .....	521
Net gain for the year.....	883
No. of books in the library May 1st, 1917,....	24,842
Pamphlets classified .....	818
Bound Magazines .....	2,728
Bound Newspapers .....	150
Total collection .....	28,538

## CIRCULATION

The circulation of the books for home, school and business uses is a good criterion of the work the library is doing. We have a large increase over the last year to chronicle. The table shows a total of 101,298. Of this number 69,955 were books for home use from the main library, and from the Washington branch the Circulation for home use was 17,173.

Largest Monthly circulation (March).....	10,450
Smallest Monthly circulation (May).....	5,692
Largest Daily circulation (February).....	576
Smallest Daily circulation (Dec.) .....	142
Average Daily circulation.....	337
Per cent of fiction circulated.....	55%
Per cent of Children's books circulated.....	33%
Number of days open for circulation.....	300½
Number of days opened .....	352
Hours opened per week .....	76
Borrower's cards issued .....	2,042
Active card holders .....	9,786

The library has a valuable working collection of books selected with great care in order that the library may serve reasonably well all classes of people in the community. The library having been organized so recently as 1904, our book collection is largely new and only a comparatively small number have become out-of-date. We often receive purchase suggestions from the readers as regards both books and subjects; and these suggestions are gladly received and carefully considered. Thus books are selected both with a view to create a demand and also with a view to meet a demand. The source from which we draw for most of our reference work is found in our files of bound magazines of which we number 66 sets. The accumulative indexes open up all this material and it's right up-to-date.

## CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

No part of the work of the library is more valuable for the future of the community than the work that may be done for the children. Now with our large facilities in this department, we notice a greatly increased patronage. The children living in the remote sections of the city who cannot conveniently come to us, we are reaching through the school room libraries. The past year there were 5,360 books circulated through this source. The teachers testify that the children who use these books become brighter and are much easier to teach. The circulation from the Children's Department last year was 27,351, and this year 28,016, a net gain of 665.

### BRANCHES

The Washington Branch in East Joplin shows material gains, both in circulation and room use. The shelves are fast filling up and another table and more chairs must be added.

This branch has so amply justified its reason for existence that we are encouraged in attempting another branch with the co-operation of the school board, this time in South Joplin at the Lafayette school.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement shows a balance at the present time of \$8,842.10 but as no appreciable amount comes in from taxes until next December, you will readily see that we will have but little more than enough to run us until that time.

Last year we had heavier expenses than usual, as the improvements on the old building were to be paid for out of our own fund.

We spent last year on an average of \$1,416.56 a month. Each year opens up new opportunities and new needs. The library is striving to meet both in as efficient a manner as possible with the funds at its disposal.

### IN CONCLUSION

To the members of the Library Board, for myself, and on behalf of the staff, we wish to express our gratitude for your unfailing kindness and support in our efforts in carrying on the work of the library.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARY B. SWANWICK,  
Librarian.

### RECEIPTS

Balance on hand April 30, 1916.....	\$ 9,899.70
Amount received from tax levy .....	10,343.84
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$20,243.54</u>



## EXPENDITURES

Salaries .....	\$ 3,054.96
Janitor .....	982.80
Books .....	1,673.05
Periodicals .....	562.10
Binding and book repairs .....	352.37
Supplies .....	248.91
Furniture and fixtures .....	1,337.61
Repairs and improvements .....	1,396.69
Heat .....	416.29
Water and sprinkling .....	34.45
Telephone .....	37.58
Insurance .....	549.37
Freight and drayage .....	193.06
Miscellaneous .....	562.20

Total expenditures .....\$11,401.44

Balance on hand .....\$ 8,842.10

## SPECIAL EXPENSE FUND

Cash on hand April 30, 1916.....\$123.29

## RECEIPTS

Fines on overdue books .....	\$224.08
Damaged or lost books .....	14.09
Books sold .....	26.35

Total .....\$387.81

Expenditures ..... 316.42

Balance on hand .....\$ 71.39

## DISBURSEMENTS

Postage .....	\$ 28.07
Express and drayage.....	35.15
Supplies .....	62.53
Books and periodicals .....	19.80
Extra help and Sunday opening.....	122.35
Miscellaneous .....	48.52

Total .....\$316.42

1916		1917	
Ref. Works.....	4	2	8
Philosophy.....	38	36	59
Religion.....	44	32	41
Sociology.....	30	38	52
Language .....	3	4	5
Nat. Science...	26	31	28
Use. Arts .....	54	38	72
Fine Arts.....	38	40	44
Literature.....	161	107	255
History.....	21	15	62
Travel.....	24	19	33
Biog. ....	23	18	34
Fiction.....	2797	3067	2915
Juvenile.....	1183	1384	1990
Cur. Per.....	119	97	152
Sup. R.....			249
Total .....	4443	4830	5598
Jan. ....	8	36	214
Feb. ....	4	57	180
Mch. ....	5	56	202
Apr. ....		56	166
60		580	1858
Number of books circulated.....		87,128	3890
Number of Periodicals circulated.....		2,942	
Number of Supplementary readers.....		5,868	
Total .....		101,298	

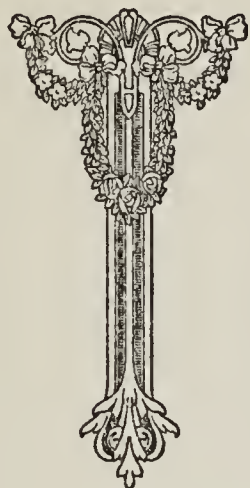


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*SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
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## ANNUAL REPORT

May 1st, 1918—April 30th, 1919.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library.

The 16th Annual Report of the Free Public Library is herewith presented.

New events and new conditions create new duties and problems in the library world as in every other organization. From a silent partner in education the library has become not only an active but an energizing force. It has always aimed to be a factor in public education and now conditions seem to be most favorable for us to realize our opportunity for giving this service.

Whatever other claims to public support or interest the library may have in the community, this claim should be the strongest.

## ACCESSIONS.

No. of books in the library at the close of fiscal year 1918 .....	25,966
We have added during the year.....	1860
Withdrawn .....	691
Net gain for the year .....	<u>1,169</u>
No. of books in the library May 1, 1919.....	27,135
Pamphlets classified .....	1,000
Bound magazines .....	2,901
Bound newspapers .....	198
Total .....	<u>4,099</u>
Total collection .....	<u>31,234</u>

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## TRAINING CLASS

Three high school students went through the first year's regular library training course. Two of these students acted as student help.

## WASHINGTON BRANCH

This branch is fast outgrowing its quarters. We need more shelf room and already all the available floor space has been utilized for the new table and chairs, for the accommodation of readers. We are adding new books all the time, old ones being replaced. For school use also new books for topical reference are now available. But for the influenza the circulation would have far exceeded the previous year.

## WAR SERVICE

When the fighting stopped, the need for books for the soldiers by no means stopped. On the contrary, the demand greatly increased and has continued to grow. The men have little to do to occupy a great amount of leisure time and good books are a boon to them and in fact a necessity. We have been able, the past few months, to send overseas 1100 books and about 500 scrapbooks for use in hospitals. We are still collecting and will continue to send as long as needed. About 5,000 books have gone from here altogether.

## THE STATE LIBRARY MEETING

The state library convention which was to have been held in Kansas City in October, but postponed, was definitely given up in November on account of the epidemic. This fall it is hoped to have a bi-state meeting with Kansas, probably in Kansas City.

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30. 1919

### RECEIPTS

Balance on hand April 30, 1918.....	\$11,496.89
Receipts .....	17,754.27
Total receipts .....	<u>\$29,251.16</u>

### EXPENDITURES

Salaries .....	\$ 3,966.96
Janitor .....	900.00
Books .....	2,055.26
Periodicals .....	661.37
Binding .....	231.44
Supplies .....	358.41
Furniture and fixtures .....	270.23
Repairs and improvements ....	30.95
Heat .....	193.51
Water and sprinkling .....	42.12
Telephone .....	49.44
Insurance .....	178.11
Freight and drayage .....	48.29
Miscellaneous .....	13.50

Total expenditures ..\$	8,999.59
Children's Home loan .....	3,614.67

Total .....\$12,614.26

Balance on hand April 30, 1919      \$16,636.90



## CIRCULATION.

The circulation table at the end of the report gives the circulation in detail by classes. ;

### CIRCULATION SUMMARY

Largest monthly circulation (January).....	11,644
Smallest monthly circulation (October).....	2,481
Largest daily circulation (Feb. 24th).....	666
Smallest daily circulation (Dec. 23rd).....	141
Daily average circulation.....	351
Per cent of fiction circulated.....	65%
Per cent of children's books circulated.....	39%
Number of days opened for circulation.....	273½
Number of days opened.....	312½
Hours opened per week.....	76
Borrower's cards issued.....	1796
Borrower's cards issued, Washington Branch	222
Active card holders .....	6593

The months that we were open showed considerable increase in circulation over those of last year, and would have gone far ahead of any previous year had it not been for the influenza closing. As it was there was a gain in the juvenile department of 3,816 and in home circulation of 2,240 but in other departments there was a decrease, which brought our grand total to 87 increase over last year. High school students are allowed to come to the library at the end of each period. Of the number of books consulted during these periods, no plans have been made for keeping the record, so far. Altho we lost a little in circulation by the closing, we made good use of our time in catching up with our work, and in having the main floor of the library thoroughly renovated and some needed alterations made.

### CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

There has been an added interest in the children's department by a regularly organized Saturday afternoon story hour. This was very acceptably conducted by Miss Elise Geier of the high school. The interest never flagged, the children coming each week in large numbers.

### HIGH SCHOOL

This was the first full year with the high school beside us, but hardly a representative one on account of the five weeks closing for the influenza epidemic. If, having the high school beside us has greatly increased our labors, it has also increased our joys, and we are not afraid that the problems which necessarily come up, will not be solved.

## SPECIAL EXPENSE FUND

Balance on hand April 30, 1918.....\$106.38

### RECEIPTS

Fines on overdue books .....	215.95
Damaged or lost books .....	23.80
Books sold .....	21.38
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Total .....	\$367.51

### DISBURSEMENTS

Postage .....	\$ 50.32
Express and drayage .....	63.93
Supplies .....	52.79
Books and periodicals .....	20.86
Extra help and Sunday openings.....	30.75
War stamps .....	20.90
Miscellaneous .....	25.59
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Total .....	\$265.14

Balance on hand April 30, 1919 .....\$102.37

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Grateful acknowledgment is due our daily papers for the assistance they have given our different war drives for books for the soldiers and sailors.

In conclusion, we are grateful to the Board of Trustees for the co-operative spirit manifested in providing everything needed to facilitate our work, thus helping to make this a most successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY B. SWANWICK,

Librarian.



## CIRCULATION BY CLASSES INCLUDING JUVENILE

Total	Sup. R.	Cur. Per.	Juvenile Fic.	Fiction	Biog.	Travel	History	Literature	Fine Arts	Use. Arts	Nat. Sci.	Language	Sociology	Religion	Philosophy	Ref. Works
8727	1215	190	1850	4088	66	99	274	296	59	102	73	21	483	52	49	May.....
6845		220	1847	3756	28	66	245	147	33	92	52	11	499	24	45	June.....
7703		178	1984	4310	50	64	293	202	75	99	56	9	468	33	41	July.....
7424		305	1830	4392	51	80	200	191	74	114	37	17	339	34	45	Aug.....
8331		269	1648	3953	82	130	216	314	95	121	80	13	441	44	61	Sept.....
2481		70	576	1165	22	34	83	113	24	34	22	1	150	12	10	Oct.....
4148	275	165	976	2010	54	82	144	166	41	76	48		220	11	44	Nov.....
7999	446	331	1772	4140	84	111	248	339	66	143	88		459	34	69	Dec.....
																1919
11644	1182	278	2373	5518	117	182	256	593	106	228	154	4	688	38	105	Jan.....
9798	564	268	2224	4781	110	175	295	478	94	143	105	11	681	48	81	Feb.....
11017	671	328	2450	5393	122	207	292	532	130	158	138	13	723	89	99	Mar.....
9913	11051	269	2139	4692	96	151	235	471	93	129	137	14	589	49	75	Apr.....
96036	5404	2871	21669	48198	882	1381	2781	3842	890	1439	990	114	5740	468	724	17
1,390										(37,942)						Total juvenile circulation
2,871										(18,426)						Total Washington Branch circulation
100,297										(5,404)						Supplementary readers

## LIST OF PERIODICALS

On file in the reading room.

American Boy	Fortnightly Review
American Builder	Forum
American City	Garden Magazine
American Cookery	Gleanings in Bee Cul- ture
American Journal of Sociology	Good Furniture
American Magazine	Good Housekeeping
American Municipal- ities	Graphic
American Young People	Gregg Writer
Annals of the Amer. Academy	Harper's Bazaar
Architectural Record	Harper's Magazine
Art World	Home Mission Monthly
Asia	Homilatic Review
Association Men	House and Garden
Association Monthly	House Beautiful
Atlantic Monthly	Illustrated London News
Automobile Dealer and Repairer	Illustrated World
Biblical World	Independent
Bird-Lore	Industrial Management
Bookman	International Studio
Boy's Life	John Martin's Book
Canadian Magazine	Journal of American History
Carry On	Journal of Geology
Catholic World	Journal of Home Econ- omies
Century	Journal of Political Economy
Chemical and Metal- lurgical Engr.	Judge
Child Labor Bulletin	Keith's Magazine
Child Welfare	Keramic Studio
Christian Endeavor World	Ladies' Home Journal
Christian Science Jour- nal	Leslie's
Christian Science Sen- tinel	Library Journal
Collier's Weekly	Life
Contemporary Review	Literary Digest
Country Life in Amer- ica	Little Folks
Current History	Living Age
Current Opinion	Living Church
Delineator	McClure's Magazine
Dial	Manual Training
Dramatic Mirror	Mentor
Education	Metropolitan
Educational Review	Missionary Review
Elementary School Journal	Missouri Historical Re- view
Engineering and Min- ing Journal	Missouri Woman
Engineering News- Record	Modern Priscilla
Etude	Motion Picture Maga- zine
Everybody's Magazine	Motor Age
Everyland	Moving Picture World
Farm Journal	Munsey
	Musical America
	Musical Courier
	Musical Quarterly
	Musician

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National Geographic  
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Needlecraft  
New Republic  
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Official Gazette  
Oklahoma Farmer-  
Stockman  
Oil and Gas Journal  
Outing Magazine  
Outlook  
Overland Monthly

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letin  
Photo Era  
Physical Culture  
Pictorial Review  
Playground  
Popular Mechanics  
Popular Science  
Monthly  
Primary Education  
Public

Review of Reviews

St. Nicholas  
Saturday Evening Post  
School and Society  
School Arts Magazine  
School Review  
Science  
Scientific American  
Scientific Amer. Sup.  
Scientific Monthly  
Scribner  
South American  
Sunset  
Survey  
System

Table Talk  
Theatre  
Touchstone  
Travel

Union Signal  
Unpopular Review

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Woman's Home Com-  
panion  
Woman's Work  
World Outlook  
World's Welfare  
World's Work  
Writer, The

Yale Review  
Youth's Companion

Zinc and Lead Journal

## NEWSPAPER FILE

Joplin Globe  
Joplin News Herald  
Joplin Labor Tribune

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St. Louis Republic

Chicago Tribune

Tulsa World

Daily Oklahoman

Kansas City Times-  
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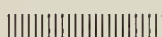


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## Seventeenth Annual Report

For the Year Ending April 30, 1920



Ninth and Wall Streets



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## ANNUAL REPORT

May 1st, 1919—April 30th, 1920.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public  
Library.

The Seventeenth Annual Report of the Free Public  
Library is herewith presented.

The past year has probably been the busiest in our library experience. For the first time we have felt the need of dividing the work, placing heads over departments and making them responsible for their division of the work. Of course, this is the usual custom in large libraries and our library is fast taking on the proportions of a good-sized working library. This is certified to by visitors and especially have extension course instructors been agreeably surprised and pleased with the wide range of material they find here which helps supplement their courses.

It seems to us that there could be no better advertisement for a city than to have a well established library, which really aims to serve all needs. The library is the one thing in which every town however small may have something as good, as vital and as inspiring, if not so extensive, as the greatest city can offer. Neither Boston nor New York can supply better books to its readers than the humblest town library can easily own and supply if good judgment is exercised in their selection. Any project or experiment that is put forth to further the interests of the community, can be supplemented by printed material bearing on the subject at the library.



## ACCESSIONS

No. of books in the library at the close of the fiscal year, 1919.....	27,135
We have added during the year.....	2,441
Withdrawn .....	1,324
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Net gain for the year.....	1,117
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No. of books in the library May 1st, 1920.....	28,252
Pamphlets classified .....	1,263
Bound magazines .....	3,052
Bound newspapers .....	214
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Total .....	4,529
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Total collection.....	32,781

## WITHDRAWALS

Worn out .....	1,090
Lost during the year.....	73
Lost and paid for.....	49
Unaccounted for .....	112
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Total .....	1,324

## CIRCULATION

The table at the end of the report gives the circulation in detail by classes.

### CIRCULATION SUMMARY

Largest monthly circulation (January).....	11,875
Smallest monthly circulation (August).....	7,149
Largest daily circulation (Nov. 8th).....	569
Smallest daily circulation (Apr. 8th).....	184
Hours opened per week.....	76
Daily average circulation.....	389
Per cent. of fiction circulated.....	67%
Per cent. of children's books circulated.....	36%
No. of days opened for circulation.....	308½
No. of days opened.....	361½
Borrower's cards issued.....	1,417
Borrower's cards issued, Washington Branch .....	203
Active card holders .....	8,010

The total circulation last year was 100,297.  
The total circulation for this year is 119,803, a  
gain of 19,506.

## CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

There has been a material increase in the children's circulation, both in the main library and the Washington branch. Total for last year, 37,942; for 1919-20 43,102, a gain of 5,160. We realize that good books are one of the most vital influences in the child's life. They create impressions that are lasting and ideals that shape all a child's actions in later life. The "Bookshelf for Boys and Girls," which is published just before Christmas, is a valuable guide for parents for the selection of books for gifts. The library supplies free each year these catalogs. They contain lists of books for all ages and are most attractively illustrated and printed.

Miss Elise Geier has continued the Story Hour throughout the year. It grows in popularity and parents recognize the educational value and send their children regularly.

## SCHOOL ROOM LIBRARIES

There has also been an increased interest in school room libraries this year, many more boxes being sent to the teachers than last year. These show a circulation of 6,512 as against 1,390 last year, a gain of 5,122.

## HIGH SCHOOL

The relation between the public library and the High School has been unusually close on account of the proximity. Reference with them is never ending all through the school year; but we are pleased to see that many of them are showing a marked ability to use the reference guides themselves, thus deriving more benefit than when depending entirely on the assistants.

## WASHINGTON BRANCH

The Washington Branch is not behind in showing increase this year, although several days were lost early in the season on account of repairs. The total circulation was 19,957, as compared with 18,426 for the preceding year, a gain of 1,525. This circulation shows the appreciation the community holds for the library. We trust the time is not far distant when we can have the library better housed and give room for expansion.

## THE STATE LIBRARY MEETING

A deferred meeting (on account of the influenza) of the State Library Association, was held in Kansas City October 22-24. About 130 delegates were present from Kansas and Missouri. A representative from our library was present and was on the program for a talk on "The Library and Community;" or, "What the Public Expects from the Library." A general discussion followed.

## BOOKS-FOR-EVERYBODY MOVEMENT

The American Library Association during the war was not supine but marvelously rose to its opportunities, and kept books and magazines rolling to the camps (when first established) at home and abroad, and today they still "carry on" the work abroad and in the army and navy hospitals and on board ship.

The general good morale of the army was largely due to these wonderful camp libraries and the efficient way in which they were administered. Now the Association does not wish this work to lapse. But beside the government needs there are countless rural communities where returned soldiers are making appeals to the A. L. A. for help to get books—they miss their camp libraries. To do this they must have funds—they cannot let the call go unheeded. So "The Books-for-Everybody" campaign is the natural outcome. They ask every community with an established library to help. We are sure Joplin will not fail to give aid for this very laudable undertaking.

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In conclusion, we wish to thank the Joplin newspapers for their kindness in publishing library news and bulletins.

We also wish to thank the Board of Trustees for their hearty encouragement, which, together with the library staff, have made possible this record year's work.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY B. SWANWICK,

Librarian.

# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1920

## RECEIPTS

Balance on hand April 30, 1919.....	\$16,636.90
Receipts .....	19,698.15
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	\$36,335.05

## DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries .....	\$4,551.32
Janitor .....	1,138.00
Books .....	3,214.89
Periodicals .....	677.64
Binding and Printing.....	203.48
Supplies .....	291.63
Furniture and Fixtures.....	248.50
Repairs and Improvements.....	43.30
Heat .....	432.96
Water and Sprinkling.....	13.29
Telephone .....	63.58
Insurance .....	171.24
Freight and Drayage.....	30.02
Miscellaneous .....	36.00

Total Expenditures.....	\$11,115.85
Children's Home Loan....	4,385.33

Total .....	<hr/> \$15,501.18
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Balance on hand April 30, 1920.....	\$20,833.87
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## SPECIAL EXPENSE FUND

Balance on hand April 30, 1919.....	\$102.37
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## RECEIPTS.

Fines on overdue books.....	\$269.99
Damaged or lost books.....	20.59
Books sold.....	149.01
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Total.....	\$541.96

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Postage .....	\$ 44.46
Express and drayage.....	65.49
Supplies .....	48.03
Books and periodicals .....	30.08
Extra help .....	49.40
Miscellaneous .....	69.42

Total.....	<hr/> \$306.88
Balance on hand May 1, 1920.....	\$235.08



**TOTAL CIRCULATION BY CLASSES, INCLUDING JUVENILE, 119,803. GAIN OVER LAST YEAR, 19,506.**

1919.	General Works.....	Philosophy .....	Religion .....	Sociology .....	Language .....	Natural Science....	Useful Arts.....	Fine Arts.....	Literature .....	History .....	Travel .....	Biography .....	Fiction .....	Juvenile Fiction....	Cur't Periodicals..	Sup. Reading.....	TOTAL .....
May .....	..	75	63	481	9	110	146	98	465	193	100	75	4954	2335	237	1906	11,010
June .....	..	42	31	420	5	49	114	62	285	128	84	43	4149	2072	204	393	7,877
July .....	..	42	20	413	...	35	103	47	187	137	68	42	4193	2042	171	.....	7,329
August .....	3	43	36	395	8	57	136	47	205	126	47	42	3951	2053	295	.....	7,149
September .....	5	55	39	388	11	71	143	95	384	153	126	72	3882	1416	262	731	7,471
October .....	2	59	76	599	5	84	134	123	368	149	163	96	4539	2010	282	438	8,845
November .....	..	67	61	593	4	96	144	70	463	166	100	115	4642	2346	249	689	9,556
December .....	1	76	48	541	6	102	147	76	474	143	96	87	4649	2576	272	607	9,649
1920.																	
January .....	3	101	66	676	18	116	174	105	424	147	130	106	5963	2820	267	1026	11,875
February .....	3	69	59	511	8	90	128	89	353	137	147	129	5253	2376	219	409	9,761
March .....	..	73	85	482	7	125	134	109	441	107	128	110	5701	2417	291	662	10,581
April .....	..	77	75	420	12	121	141	85	362	161	126	62	5023	2078	184	512	9,255
Total .....	17	779	659	5919	93	1056	1644	1023	4311	1747	1315	979	56,909	26,541	2933	7373	110,358
Total Juvenile Circulation.....							(43,102)										6,512
Total Washington Branch Circulation.....							(19,951)										2,933
Supplementary Readers .....							(7,373)										119,803



## LIST OF PERIODICALS

On File in the Reading Room

American Boy	Education
American Builder	Educational Review
American City	Elementary School
American Cookery	Journal
American Journal of	Elite
Sociology	Engineering and Min-
American Legion	ing Journal
American Magazine	Engineering News-
American Municipal-	Record
ities	Etude
American Poultry Ad-	Everybody's Magazine
vocate	Everyland
American Red Cross	Experimental Electric-
American Young Peo-	al Magazine
ple	
American Youth	Farm Journal
Annals of the Ameri-	Fortnightly Review
can Academy	Forum
Architectural Record	
Arts and Decorations	Garden Magazine
Asia	Gleanings in Bee
Association Men	Culture
Association Monthly	Good Furniture
Atlantic Monthly	General Federation
Automobile Dealer and	Magazine
Repairer	Good Housekeeping
	Graphic
	Gregg Writer
Biblical World	
Bird-Lore	Harper's Bazaar
Bookman	Harper's Magazine
Boys' Life	Harvey's Weekly
	Home Mission Monthly
Canadian Magazine	Homilatic Review
Catholic World	House and Garden
Century	House Beautiful
Chemical and Metal-	Household
lurgical Engineer	
Child Welfare	Illustrated London
Christian Endeavor	News
World	Illustrated World
Christian Science	Independent
Journal	Independent Women
Christian Science	Industrial Manage-
Sentinel	ment
Collier's Weekly	International Studio
Contemporary Review	
Country Life in Amer-	John Martin's Book
ica	Journal of American
Current History	History
Current Opinion	Journal of Geology
	Journal of Home
Delineator	Economics
Dial	Journal of Political
Drama	Economy
Dramatic Mirror	Judge

Keith's Magazine  
Keramic Studio

Ladies' Home Journal  
Leslie's  
Library Journal  
Life  
Literary Digest  
Little Folks  
Living Age  
Living Church

McClure's  
Manual Training  
Mentor  
Metropolitan  
Missionary Review  
Missouri Historical  
Review  
Modern Priscilla  
Motion Picture  
Magazine  
Motor Age  
Moving Picture World  
Munsey's  
Musical America  
Musical Quarterly  
Musician

Nation  
National Geographic  
National Municipal  
Review  
Needlecraft  
New Europe  
New Republic  
Nineteenth Century  
Normal Instructor  
North American Re-  
view

Official Gazette  
Oildom  
Oklahoma Farmer and  
Stockman  
Oil and Gas Journal  
Outing Magazine  
Outlook  
Overland Monthly

Pan-American Union  
Bulletin  
Photo Era  
Physical Culture  
Pictorial Review  
Playground  
Poetry  
Popular Mechanics  
Popular Science  
Monthly  
Primary Education  
Public Libraries

Quarterly Journal of  
Speech Education

Review  
Review of Reviews

Saint Nicholas  
Saturday Evening Post  
School and Society  
School Arts Magazine  
School Review  
Science  
Scientific American  
Scientific American  
Supplement  
Scientific Monthly  
Scribner  
South American  
Sunset  
Survey  
System

Table Talk  
Theatre  
Touchstone  
Travel

Union Signal  
Unpartizan Review

Woman's Home  
Companion  
Woman's Work  
World Outlook  
World's Work  
Writer

Yale Review  
Youth's Companion

Zinc and Lead Journal

### Newspaper File

Joplin Globe  
Joplin News Herald  
Joplin Labor Tribune  
St. Louis Globe  
Democrat  
St. Louis Republic  
Chicago Tribune  
Tulsa World  
Daily Oklahoman  
Kansas City Times  
Kansas City Star  
Kansas City Journal  
Christian Science  
Monitor  
New York Times  
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